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In re Application of : DECISION GRANTING
Murli D. Satagopan et al : PETITION
Application No. 09/764,956 :
Filed: January 17, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. MS1-678US :
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This is a decision on the paper styled "Request For Correction Of Filing Receipt" filed on October 5, 2001, which is being treated as a petition under 1.10(c), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of January 17, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of January 18, 2001.

Petitioners allege that the application was deposited in "Express Mail" service with the U.S. Postal Service, on January 17, 2001. In support, petitioners provided a copy of the Express Mail label, receipt no. EL685270815US, showing a Date-In of January 17, 2001. The same Express Mail number appears on the original transmittal letter submitted with the present application. Petitioners request that the application be accorded a filing date of January 17, 2001.

The Office considers the date the paper or fee is shown to have been deposited as "Express Mail" to be the "Date In" on the Express Mail label, MPEP 513. That is the date that verifies that the package was actually mailed. In view of the above, the evidence is convincing that the application was deposited as "Express Mail" with the US Postal Service on January 17, 2001.

The petition is granted. A copy of the corrected Filing Receipt is enclosed.

The application is being returned to Technology Center AU 2154 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 306-5685.

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Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt